

Were somewhat confused as to how we were supposed to act since we are SDS, but when C/Colonel Houck gave us his introduction he made it very clear that we are not staff nor basic cadets. We are here to learn how to be a good leader and command a flight properly.

—Written by C/SSgt Kate Bardwell, SDS

Exec of the Day:

C/Lt Col Josh Gulbranson, CTG Deputy

Every basic cadet has plenty of one-on-one contact with their flight staff. That is, their Sergeant and Commander. Very few ever see executive staff members, though. The executive staff does not have as much contact with the cadets, but their jobs are very important. From the top of the chain they control, supervise and delegate to staff below them, making encampments function. The first in a series of interviews with the Execs is today, starting with C/Lt Col Gulbranson. He is the CTG Deputy, controlling the command side of the cadet staff.



C/Lt Col Gulbranson

What should my first question be?

"I dunno, you're the PAO."

How long have you been in CAP?

(Counting on fingers) "It will be six years in November."

How many encampments have you attended?

What jobs have you done?

"This is my fifth. I was Flight Commander,

Leadership Officer, Squadron Commander and this year I am Deputy."

What National Activities have you attended?

"Cadet Officer School and I have been on the National Cadet Competition Team for three years, one of which I commanded."

What has been the highlight of encampment for you so far?

"Watching the two F-16's fly vertical up to about 15,000 feet. That was cool."

What are you looking forward to?

"Watching every cadet meet and exceed the standards to pass encampment."

What do you do outside of CAP?

"I usually fly around in one of my three private jets...just kidding. But I have my Private Pilot's License and I spend a lot of time—and money—flying."

"How many hours of sleep have you gotten lately?"

"Well I usually get about five hours at most. There are a lot of tasks to be tended to when on staff."

Any last comments?

"If you put your mind to it, it'll happen."

Thank you for your time.

No problem.

Today's Agenda

Group Volleyball
Hardwood

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Yesterday in Review

Tuesday proved to be a day full of fun activities. Reveille came at 0500 as usual and cadets quickly made their way through PT and headed to the dining facility for breakfast chow. After eating the meals, the cadets had morning formation. Then the day truly began. The 9th CTS went first to the

ropes course, as the 10th went to Building 475 for another wonderful Cadet Programs class, this time taught by C/Captain Mark Pomerleau, the Cadet Leadership officer. Afterwards, 10th CTS headed back to barracks to quickly prepare their rooms for inspection. At



1030 hours the Standards and Evaluations Team, led by C/Major Dan Nordin, made their way throughout the barracks, inspecting each and every room down to the finest detail. Then lunch came and went, with both squadrons eating at the same time, and after lunch the two squadrons switched roles and 10th CTS went for the ropes course and 9th CTS received the Cadet Programs training and squadron inspection.

Time traveled amazingly fast and before the cadets even knew it, they were at their last meal of the day, but the fun wasn't over. Not nearly. The cadets headed back to barracks to change into their PT uniforms for the Squadron Volleyball Competition.

The flights faced off in fierce battles to get the ball over the net and gain points. The competition

was tough. In the end, however, two teams reigned victorious. For the 9th CTS, Charlie took the crown, and in the 10th CTS, Echo defeated the other two teams and obtained victory. Today those two teams will face off, along with Cadet Staff vs. Senior Staff and MN Cadet Staff vs. WI Cadet Staff. It will be an exciting time!

—C/1st Lt. Andrew Atkins, Editor in Chief

Staff Development Squadron: Who they are...

This is the Staff Development Squadron's fourth day. We are learning step away from being followers and start becoming

Leaders. C/SrA Cummings and C/SrA Kenny began learning how to be flight commanders, and every day another person gets command to learn more about what it is like.



The SDS cadets discussing a project.

These learning experiments will be very beneficial to our Civil Air Patrol careers.

When we first arrived at encampment we